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As a father of two daughters who received scholarships from Ed Choice, I would like to share my experience of how my daughters have benefited from it.

When my daughters attended school in the local school district, they received what can only be deemed as the bare minimum of education. That's not to say they weren't receiving one but they were smart enough to absorb the material and therefore were left alone while attention was given to other students.

I take my children's education seriously and am involved with them daily in matters of homework and what they learned that day. It had become increasingly disheartening to talk with them about their day and find out they were helping the teacher teach other students. It made me proud that they were able to do so, but it was not challenging them to grow and push forward. It was obvious that a change had to be made.

I am a man of means, but not many. Private school was not an option for my family, my wife and I felt as if we were letting our children down since their education needs to prepare them for life in the future and bare minimum is not a lesson any children need to learn.

So when we received the letter stating our school was under the bare minimum requirements and providing us information about Ed Choice it was a great relief. We took advantage of this program and enrolled our daughters in one of the approved schools.

The difference in our daughters is incredible. They are challenged daily and are advancing beyond what a father could honestly hope for. My oldest daughter has a near perfect GPA and is a member of The Junior National Honor Society. My youngest daughter is following in her footsteps.

I can honestly say that this is all because of Ed Choice. The Ed Choice scholarship allowed my wife and I to give my daughters a chance at a better education, a more challenging education, and a more involved education.

I believe in public education and am a product of a public education. But when the system fails a student, fails a family, it fails society.

Ed Choice gives families who want better for their children but do not have the means, an opportunity to provide a better education for them. This doesn't only help the family, it helps everyone.

Thank you,

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